"NO CRYING VOICES"

Text: Matthew 3:3 —
"THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING
IN THE WILDERNESS".

Seduced by the Spirit of the Charismatics; betrayed by a Counterfeit Priesthood without Divine Parentage or Scriptural Pedigree; their senses drugged by the Wine of Political-Ecclesiastical Pageantry and the opium of dramatic words, an entire movement of leaderless, groping people flounder helplessly, caught in the quicksands of the Nicolaitane-Laodicean Wilderness, and the night coming on. With a frenzy born of sheer desperation we scream— "WHERE, OH WHERE, ARE THE CRYING VOICES?" Anxiously we listen with thirsting ear; but the only answer is the mocking echo of our wailing cry. This Nicolaitane Priesthood cannot be trusted to serve as Watchmen on the Wall. They are too drunk on the Harlot's Wine.

- Burr -

"THE APOSTOLIC PLUMB-LINE"

Do not hesitate to reject every doctrine, manifestation, experience, policy, polity, office, ministry, religious system or form of church government that does not bear this four-fold seal:

(1) Was it authorized by the Holy Ghost or planted by the Heavenly Father.

(2) Does it bear the Apostolic Imprimatur of Peter, the only man to whom Almighty God gave the powers to bind and to loose.

(3) Was it certified by the Twelve Apostles during their lives and ministries.

(4) Was it practiced by the early Church in the Book of Acts.

Jesus said, (Matthew 15:13) — "EVERY PLANT WHICH MY HEAVENLY FATHER HATH NOT PLANTED, SHALL BE ROOTED UP".

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By

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"FOREWORD"

I thought to ask a friend to write a foreword for this work, but on second thought, I changed my mind. If I am wrong, then why ask another to share the condemnation? Selfishly, of course, if I am right and time and judgment vindicates my stand, then let me rejoice alone. There are certain paths in life that one must travel by himself.

There are those who will angrily reject any truth contained in this booklet—hiding behind the shop-worn accusation that "BURR IS BITTER". Such charges are asinine. Many of the people who mindlessly repeat them do not even know me. I have repeatedly challenged them to answer me through the printed page, or put their finger on my morals; my doctrine; my life or my ethics. This they dare not do; this they cannot do. Rather, they choose a nebulous, illusive something such as "BURR'S SPIRIT". This tar-brush of smear and innuendo they have used very effectively. Without indictment arrest or trial, I stand today convicted as the most bitter man in the Pentecostal Movement. To defend one's self against such charges is like answering the proverbial question of whether you have quit beating your wife . . . You are damned if you do, and you are damned if you don't.

Recently a small, still voice spoke to me with bell-like clarity—"IF I AM NOT BITTER AND IF I AM RIGHT, THEN WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE THOSE THOUGHTLESS PEOPLE WHO ARE SO QUICK TO REPEAT SUCH CHARGES? AND, SUPPOSE THAT I AM BITTER—YET RIGHT; DOES THE CONDITION OF BURR'S SPIRIT FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE FREE MEN FROM THE BURDEN AND RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUTH?"

Some things must be left for the Judgment.

"NO CRYING VOICES"

(By: Murray E. Burr)

SUBJECT: **"THE BITTER HARVEST OF THE NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD"—"DEGENERACY"**

TEXT: Jere. 2:21—"YET I HAD PLANTED THEE A NOBLE VINE, WHOLLY A RIGHT SEED. HOW THEN ART THOU TURNED INTO THE DEGENERATE PLANT OF A STRANGE VINE UNTO ME."

Here is one of the greatest ironies in the history of modern religion. The Old Mother of Harlots of Rev. 17:2 cannot boast of a single Apostate Daughter more rabid or militantly aggressive in defense of the Harlot System than present day Jesus Name Pentecostal Organizations. It stems from the fact that they are drunk; drunk on the wine of Her fornication. AND, BECAUSE THEY ARE DRUNK, THEY STAGGER AT THE TRUTH.

To understand the mysteries of Great Babylon and the workings of the Nicolaitane Mentality, one must understand the nature of her priesthood, and how successful they have been in infilterating the Church of the Living God. LET US NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT GOD HATES BOTH THE DEEDS AND THE DOCTRINES OF THE NICOLAITANES.

Schofield defines the term "NICOLAITANISM" as follows: "NIKAO"—to conquer; and "LAOS"—the people or laity. If the word is symbolic, IT REFERS TO THE EARLIEST FORM OF THE NOTION OF A PRIESTLY ORDER OR CLERGY.

Why should knowledgeable men be hesitant in identifying "NICOLAITANISM"? I state without equivocation—"NICOLAITANISM" CAN BE NONE OTHER THAN POLITICAL-EPISCOPAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION THAT HAS CONQUERED THE TWENTIETH CENTURY PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT (BOTH LAY-PREACHER AND LAY-MEMBER), AND HOLDS IT CAPTIVE IN A GRIP OF IRON.

The whole subject has to do with a superfluous, counterfeit priesthood, cult or clergy, without divine pedigree or scriptural authority, that has muscled its way into the New Testament Church, expelling the true priesthood and taking over the rulership contrary to the Will of God.

There is absolutely no divine pedigree or spiritual sanction for General and Assistant General Superintendents; General Bishops; District Superintendents; Sectional and Executive Presbyters and the myriad offices and boards that make up the ruling cliche or elite of a religious organization. I repeat—These offices constitute an alien cult or clergy; a superfluous, counterfeit priesthood

altogether foreign to true Apostolic teaching. THESE ORGANIZATIONAL OFFICIALS ACTUALLY MAKE UP THE "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD THAT GOD HATES". Note this historical clincher—There was absolutely no such thing as an Ex-officio Member or Member by Virtue of an office in any Conference, Synod or Ministerial Meeting until over a hundred years after the death of the Apostles.

"A DEGENERATE PRIESTHOOD—A MONGRELIZED MINISTRY"

The writer tells us that a fountain cannot send forth sweet water and bitter; neither can figs be harvested from thistles; but a new thing has happened in the earth. I have seen oranges and crab apples grow from the same tree. In the Pentecostal Movement we are witnessing the workings of a "DUAL MINISTRY".—"REALLY A DEGENERATE MINISTRY". This hybrid ministry is both good and evil; black and white; pagan and christian; scriptural and unscriptural; Bible and Anti-Bible.

A Spirit-filled man with a divine calling receives a spiritual mandate to rule the church of God as their Shepherd or Bishop. This same man permits himself to be elected to an office in the Organization. Though he is a Divinely called minister of the Gospel, HE NOW BECOMES A PRIEST OF A PAGAN, UNSCRIPTURAL CULT, WITH A POLITICAL MANDATE TO RULE A CORPORATE BODY. The deadly sin of presumption is committed when he seeks to reconcile the two and unite them into one office. His folly is further compounded when he foolishly believes that his Political Mandate gives him the right to intrude into the Holy of Holies and touch the sacred things of God. UZZAH SHALL NOT DIE ALONE.

How can a man be a priest of an alien cult which God hates, and a Gospel Minister at the same time? How can he minister to the congregation of the Holy, then don the unscriptural Robes of a Counterfeit Priesthood and offer sacrifice at the Pagan Altars of Politics? Constantine the Great set the example for the entire Nicolaitane Priesthood to follow. He served as both head of the church and Pontifex-Maximus or High Priest of the Babylonian Mysteries, the ancient head waters from which all religious organizations trace their source. It was during his tenure that the church was completely restructured and the many pagan forms and teachings incorporated.

Can a Gospel Minister in such circumstance retain his status with God and enjoy Holy Ghost annointing? I noted that unless the crab apple was completely cut back, it would soon crowd out the orange and take over the tree. Here is the degenerate process that results in the making of a Bramble. The man in question is a minister in the church of God. He also is a priest of a pagan cult. The two, like the flesh and the spirit, war one against the other. In the end, one is destined to destroy the other. If the man gives himself completely over to the spirit of the Nicolaitane priesthood at the expense of his Divine Calling, the annointing will leave him. The full

bramble nature will take over in its most vicious and insidious form. He will become intoxicated with the illusions of power that really does not exist. In his drugged mind the church becomes the System and the System becomes the church. He drains even to the bitter dregs the Wine Cup of Fornication of the Old Mother of Harlots. It is at this stage that he experiences a New Birth in reverse. His very nature, along with his sense of values, undergo complete and dramatic transformation. This is why such men can kill and destroy without conscience or compunction. They actually think they are doing God a service. This is a fatal Brand Mark of Degeneration. A NEW NICOLAITANE PRIEST HAS BEEN BORN.

"THE BITTER HARVEST"

This Nicolaitane Priesthood has wrought great folly in the Kingdom of God. Self-called, politically chosen and born again of the strange spirit of a strange woman, God is not ignorant of their devices. That is why Divine, inveterate hatred is pronounced against their deeds and their doctrines. No satanic force that has ever invaded the New Testament Church has wrought greater deception or destruction.

Viewing the Jesus Name Pentecostal Movement in perspective, one can only describe the spiritual and moral chaos as follows: It is a soul-sickening, pathetic, disgusting scene of decay, declension and retrogression, presided over by a politically dominated, totally neutralized ministry too drunk on the Harlot's Wine to rightfully appraise the condition. THIS PENTECOSTAL MINISTRY IS A COMPROMISED MINISTRY. At best it can only be characterized as weak, effeminate, fearful, political and professional; a hireling, salaried ministry in full retreat, that has long since lost it's way in the Laodicean- Nicolaitane Wilderness.

This should make even the most hardened weep. The once proud church that boldly and recklessly contested every inch of the ground with the enemy; that mocked his threats and threw the challenge back into his teeth, is now in total, utter and demoralized retreat on every front, betrayed by a Nicolaitane priesthood that does not even understand the nature of the fight and is too drunk to care. "DEGENERACY"—(PLEASE STUDY THE WORD LONG AND HARD) is the only term that could adequately do justice to this tragic condition.

With sinking heart, and as a final, futile frantic gesture, one is prone to scream even from the house-tops—"IS THIS THE CHURCH THAT INSPIRED THE MARTYR SPIRIT IN MEN OF OLD? IS THIS THE CHURCH FOR WHOSE HONOR PETER, PAUL AND STEPHEN GLADLY LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES? IS SHE NO LONGER CAPABLE OF PRODUCING STALWART SONS TO DEFEND HER VIRTUE IN TIMES OF SEIGE?" She is helplessly wallowing in the Wilderness of Moral and Spiritual despair—BUT WHERE, OH WHERE, ARE THE CRYING VOICES?

"THE BITTER HARVEST— A MINISTRY THAT STAGGERS AT THE TRUTH"

Here is a Brand Mark of Degeneracy. This organized, politically dominated Pentecostal Ministry ruled by a counterfeit priesthood, professes undying devotion to the Word of God. They vow to speak where the Bible speaks and remain forever silent where the Bible is silent. Poor, drunk, Nicolaitane abjects—it would be sacrilege for them to doubt even for a moment but what they are the last of the Mohicans; the only stalwart defenders of the "BOOK" left on the earth. Such self-deception results from the spiritual and mental in-breeding that has been progressing in this System for many years. I charge them with spending more time white-washing a flimsy Organizational wall built on Nicean error than in preaching the Gospel. Actually, are they the sincere men of truth they profess to be, or are they hypocrites that are merely paying lip service to a message that serves them well?

I contend that they cannot be classified as either. They are rather "DRUNK MEN". Drunk men are prone to stagger. THESE DRUNK MEN STAGGER WHEN THEY ARE CONFRONTED WITH TRUTH. Champions of the Mother-Daughter Harlot System, they are drunk on the wine of fornication of the Old Mother of Harlots whose cup they are draining to its bitter dregs. NICEAN COOL-AID IS A FATAL BREW—far more deadly than Jonestown.

Let us surgically probe for truth. LET US MEASURE THIS "ORGANIZED MINISTRY" BY THE TRUE ALTAR AND SEE IF THEY ARE PLAY-ACTING HYPOCRITES OFFERING MOCK SACRIFICES AT FALSE ALTARS. Let me mock them a little bit; of course, I am laughing at them. They deserve ridicule.

If they are the great custodians of Truth they profess to be, surely they would not be fearful of the feeble challenge that such a crude instrument as myself could offer. Numbered in their illustrious ranks are polished educators, learned Doctors of Divinity, distinguished authors, famous Bible College Presidents, brilliant orators and lecturers, renowned radio and television artists, and astute Politicians—(YEA, AND ESPECIALLY THE LAST)!

I am only a simple, humble, seeker of Truth, confused and weary and buffeted by the cruel winds of adverse doctrine that continually blow around me. BEFORE WISDOM PERISHES WITH YOU, PLEASE, would you share with me from your vast and profound Storehouses of Knowledge—CRUMBS, JUST A FEW. I know that to such peerless intellects, the answers to these minor questions are elementary; but my simple mind is haunted by them. WOULD IT BE ASKING TOO MUCH TO REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE ME CHAPTER AND VERSE FROM THE BIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING?

(1) First, give me, please, chapter and verse, or scriptural precedent or example—FOR A POLITICAL-EPISCOPAL RELIGIOUS OR-

GANIZATION THAT ONE OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED "Doctors of Divinity" so brilliantly termed "A STRUCTURED SOCIETY"! I am only asking for a single, supporting scripture. Surely such a huge Ecclesiastical Super-Structure as your Peerless Organization would be established on a solid scriptural foundation!

(2) I ask for Bible chapter and verse or historical reference to prove there was any such institution as a "STRUCTURED SOCIETY" or a "FEDERATION OF CHURCHES" merged into one vast Ecclesiastical body called "THE CHURCH" and governed by an ascending series of rulers before the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

(3) Give me Bible chapter and verse or early historical precedent for "EX-OFFICIO" members or members by virtue of an office in any inter-church meetings or conferences until the latter part of the second century, almost a hundred years after the death of the last apostle.

(4) Please give me Bible chapter and verse or scriptural precedent for "THE CORPORATE CONCEPT" that conceives that a politically ambitious group of men has a right to create additional offices in the church, apart from the five-fold ministry, AND GRANT THEMSELVES THE RIGHT TO FILL THEM BY BALLOT. One of your LEARNED DOCTORS OF DIVINITY promoted this concept in a recent publication. I am sure that I shall be overwhelmed with scriptural references.

(5) Give me Bible chapter and verse for an Organizational Manual or Book of Rules, to be used in addition to the Bible in governing the church. As I have noted in your particular organization, your manual supercedes and even takes precedence over the Bible. Your "LEARNED DOCTOR" inferred that all the Holiness we needed to preach could be found in the Manual. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF WE HAVE THE MANUAL, WE DO NOT NEED THE BIBLE ANY MORE.

(6) Other than the five-fold ministry of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors-teachers, and the Gifts of the Spirit, give me Bible chapter and verse WHERE ANY OTHER MINISTRY, PRIESTHOOD OR OFFICIAL WAS EVER AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR ALMIGHTY GOD. Why is it that in your Organization the "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD" ARE THE ONLY VOICES THAT OFFICIALLY SPEAK FOR GOD? HOW CAN THIS HELP BUT BE BLASPHEMY? Every member of a "COUNTERFEIT PRIESTHOOD" that speaks for the New Testament Church in the Name of God, are found to be false witnesses of Him. (AND PLEASE SHOW ME WHERE ANYONE CAN OFFICIALLY SPEAK FOR GOD IN A POLITICAL OR CORPORATE SENSE).

(7) Please give me Bible chapter and verse where a Political-Episco-

pal religious organization like yours that cannot produce one, single, isolated passage of scripture to justify its existence, HAS A SCRIPTURAL RIGHT TO ORDAIN PREACHERS TO SERVE AS GOSPEL MINISTERS—or how such an ordination performed by the members of your counterfeit priesthood could be valid in God's sight. Furthermore, and I challenge you to answer me through the printed page—"HOW A BLESSED MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL, ANNOINTED AND PRODUCTIVE, COULD SUBMIT TO RE-ORDINATION IN YOUR PAGAN SYSTEM AND NOT COMMIT SPIRITUAL ADULTERY; or HOW YOUR COUNTERFEIT PRIESTHOOD COULD DEMAND AND PERFORM RE-ORDINATION OF AN ANNOINTED MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL AND NOT BE GUILTY OF BLASPHEMY.

HERE IS SPIRITUAL DEGENERACY INITIATED BY SPIRITUAL ADULTERY. Ordination is like a marriage contract. In the case under question, a preacher is either united to the ministerial body of the New Testament Church, or else he is visibly united to a pagan system. When a truly God-called gospel minister renounces his original ordination and divorces himself from the past ministry that God has blessed and sanctioned, and permits a counterfeit priesthood to remarry him to a false system, HE IS GUILTY OF SPIRITUAL ADULTERY. Until he repents and renounces this "BOGUS RE-ORDINATION", he continues to live in adultery. I have seen mighty ministeries go into eclipse because they were coerced into re-ordination.

In declaring invalid all ordinations not performed by her "COUNTERFEIT PRIESTHOOD", this "DAUGHTER SYSTEM", even though they are Jesus Name Pentecostal, starkly demonstrates the same "BEAST NATURE" of her Old Harlot Mother. Nothing but total submission will suffice. Hence, wills must be broken and spirits crushed. They are not interested in equity and fair play; they must subdue and humiliate and mutilate. The psychoneurotic actions of dwarf souls and inflated egos suffering from a fevered sense of self-importance. They are never content until the victim lays prostate, face down with their iron heels of bigotry crushing his neck. I WILL OFFER APOLIGIES FOR EVERYTHING I HAVE WRITTEN IF THEY WILL PRODUCE JUST ONE SINGLE PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE JUSTIFYING THE RIGHT OF THEIR ORGANIZATION TO EXIST.

(8) Please give me Bible chapter and verse where a "COUNTERFEIT PRIESTHOOD" has any authority to dictate to a God-called minister of the gospel where he can and cannot preach. I have known of District Boards to close out mighty revivals where scores of people were receiving the Holy Ghost all because the pastor and church were not affiliated with the Organization. Over-ruling every objection of the evangelist, these Bramble Priests would brutally snarl, "I SAID SHUT IT DOWN AND GET OUT OF TOWN". If this is not blasphemy, then please

explain to me what blasphemy is. It is not difficult to understand why God hates the deeds of the Nicolaitanes.

And what of an evangelist that would permit these "EPITOMES OF STUPIDITY" to dictate such insulting terms to him? He IS A MORAL COWARD! HIS SHOULDERS HAVE NEVER KNOWN THE FEEL OF THE PROPHET'S MANTLE. I would not want him in my pulpit. As a pastor, I cannot see where he would have anything of a constructive nature to contribute to my congregation. Neither would I feel comfortable in his company. Such degenerate weaklings have no place in the True Apostolic Ministry. These limber-wristed little fellows better stick with the footmen and the galley slaves—"They could never make it among the horsemen". Sonny-Boy, better go back to the sand lots—this is hard-ball in the big leagues. MONKEY, STAY WITH YOUR ORGAN- GRINDER—THE CHAIN IS YOUR ONLY LINK OF SAFETY.

(9) Give me Bible chapter and verse where an unscriptural religious organization IS NOT POSSESSED BY THE SPIRIT OF BLASPHEMY when they demand that God's sacred tithe be paid to them rather than to the "TRUE PRIESTHOOD" to whom they RIGHTFULLY BELONG. How can a counterfeit priesthood force their constituents to pay God's sacred tithe to their false system and not be branded by Almighty God as thieves and robbers?

For Tithes to truly be Tithes in God's sight, they must be paid as He ordained, TO HIS TRUE PRIESTS. I charge that the organized Jesus Name Pentecostal Ministry no longer pays tithes; THE TEN PERCENT THEY PAY TO THEIR PAGAN SYSTEM IS ONLY A POLITICAL ASSESSMENT. This organized ministry has become a ministry of hirelings. That is why they have become the most poorly paid preachers in the Pentecostal Movement. They are guilty of robbing God; they permit a Nicolaitane priesthood to rob them. Therefore, God's windows of blessing and abundance are closed against them.

(10) Give me scriptural precedent where a religious organization has a right to levy a political assessment or tax that if the minister fails to pay, he suffers excommunication from the Body. Here again is the Spirit of Blasphemy—a Nicolaitane priesthood assuming scriptural prerogatives and divine authority.

(11) Give me Bible chapter and verse or scriptural precedent or example for the following:

(a) An officially designated Organization Headquarters.

(b) An affiliated church.

(c) A General Conference, a District Conference, or any conference where official business was transacted with ex-officio members or members by virtue of an office presiding.

(d) Democracy in the church.

(e) Politics or political elections that pitted minister against minister.

(f) Any administrative ministry that a God-called preacher of the gospel would forsake an annointed ministry to fill.

(g) Any local church other than a Soverign Local Church.

(h) Any organic office higher than the Bishop or Pastor of a Local Church.

(i) A true bishop being anything other than a pastor over a local church.

(j) Any organic offices in the New Testament Church other than Bishops (Pastors) and Deacons.

(k) Pastors over pastors or any form of hierarchy.

(l) Anything other than an equal Brotherhood.

(m) Iron Curtains and Sectarian Organizational Walls that divide brethren of like precious faith. Here is the Spirit of Blasphemy again. THESE STUPIDLY INSENSIBLE NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOODS WHO ERECT THEIR POLITICAL IRON CURTAINS ARE GUILTY OF NOT DISCERNING THE BODY OF THE LORD.

(12) Give me Bible chapter and verse or scriptural example for the following offices:

(a) The offices of pope, general bishop, or general superintendent.

(b) The offices of cardinals, assistant general superintendents, executive presbyters, etc.

(c) Bishops (other than local pastors), a Board of Bishops—officially designated; district superintendents, priests, sectional presbyters and assorted secretaries all politically chosen to run a Pagan System.

"THE BITTER HARVEST— A MINISTRY UNABLE TO RECOGNIZE TRUTH AS TRUTH"

I have herewith presented over a score and a half of documented facts that cannot be refuted. Each constitutes a fundamental error in Pentecostal Organizational Procedure. How can such a presumptious, blasphemous, degenerate system that cannot produce one single isolated passage of scripture to justify its

existence, escape the Divine Judgments of God? Or how can a counterfeit Nicolaitane priesthood wilfully, even arrogantly intrude into the Holy of Holies of New Testament Precepts and Practices, defiling everything they touch, and not incur the inveterate hatred of Almighty God? One of the definitions of blasphemy is "IRREVERENT BEHAVIOR TOWARD ANYTHING THAT IS SACRED".

Pentecostal organizations have long since lost their virtue, and most certainly their chastity. But how can Harlot Daughters of a Harlot Mother retain virtue? Truth no longer takes precedence in their lives and ministeries. Truth has been bartered for the cup —the wine cup of the Harlot's Fornication. The word of God is no longer relevant to them. The words of Jesus, "THAT MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE", no longer applies to them. "THEY LIVE BY BREAD, ONLY". That is why Jesus Name Pentecostal preachers with their eyes wide open, can give themselves completely over to the System and meet all the humiliating, disgusting and even insulting demands of a District Board; and these egotistical little men trying to play God can be insultingly demanding.

HERE IS DEGENERACY. "THE PROPHET'S MANTLE HAS LONG SINCE LOST ITS FAMILIAR FEEL TO THE AVERAGE ORGANIZED PENTECOSTAL PREACHER. At a moment's notice and with very little encouragement, they will trade it for the "MONKEY'S SUIT of the Nicolaitane Priesthood.

A true prophet of God has no options. Two things are Divinely required of him—"TO SPEAK GOD'S WORD AS THE HOLY GHOST MOVES HIM, AND TO DIE". It matters little to a true prophet whether one or five thousand stands behind him in battle. Most true prophets of the past were men who stood alone. A TRUE PROPHET WOULD HAVE IT NO OTHER WAY. His Lord standing with him gives him the majority every time. A friend said to Luther . . . "MARTIN, DON'T YOU KNOW THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE AGAINST YOU?" Back came the instant reply—"DON'T YOU KNOW I AM AGAINST THE WHOLE WORLD?"

HERE IS DEGENERACY—The average Jesus Name Pentecostal preacher is a herd animal. Drinking from "HER CUP" has made it so. He migrates with the herd, even though it means plunging over a cliff, with no questions asked. He eats what they eat; he drinks what they drink; he goes where they go; he thinks what they think; their enemies are his enemies; their friends are his friends; no spirit—no mind—no will—no soul that he can call his own—the helpless, hopeless, mindless product of a long history of spiritual and mental inbreeding.

The Spirit of the Herd means more to such preachers than the Spirit of God. The words of the Herd leaders mean more than the words of God. The Will of the Herd will win out every time over the Will of God. These are "DRUNK MEN"—drunk on the wine of the fornication of the Old Mother of Harlots. Thus, the

intoxicating spirit of the Herd that holds them in senseless stupor "IS HER NICEAN WITCHES BREW".

That is why "THEY STAGGER AT THE TRUTH". "Away with your truth", they scream in mindless frenzy; "If this Organization goes to Hell, I am ready to go with it; just give us the Cup". This explains, only too graphically, why that so many who have escaped for o time her satanic blandishments, inevitably turn back to her. An alcoholic would say, "THEY WERE NOT FULLY DRIED OUT". "We cannot live without the cup," they piteously whine. Hence, the Old Harlot's boast is partly true when she says, "THEY ALWAYS COME BACK".

Let Murray E. Burr hurl the challenge back into her whorish teeth and say, "YES, MANY—BUT NOT ALL".

Sirs, some of us just do not grow chicken feathers on our legs. God delivered us from the disgusting task of trying to scratch out a meager existence on an Organizational Dunghill. Unlike some folks we have met back-trail . . . "CROW IS NOT ONE OF OUR FAVORITE DISHES".

(Insert) . . . Poor old stupid, blind Samson. They put out your eyes; go ahead; grind at the mill; make sport for the Philistines. Your own vomit must be very appetizing, and the mire—so inviting.

They have better memories than you. A few short months ago you were branding them as Rome, Babylon, Egypt, or that whorish woman. Now they are Jerusalem and the Bride of Christ. Why the dramatic transformation? Samson, the Philistines are laughing behind your back; you're such great sport; you were the star attraction at their convention. Samson, Deliliah is mocking you. She was right, Samson, THEY ALWAYS COME BACK—YOU DID.

Texas is noted for her brave men. Texas also produces another little animal she is not too proud of—"THE COYOTE". He has the nature of a jackal, cunning but erratic. He is yellow; he blends with any terrain; he will quickly adapt to any environment; he will eat anything—and relishes crow. Even his shadow frightens him. He cannot exist apart from the pack. The only time he ever howls is with the pack. When challenged, he will never stand and fight, but will tuck his tail between his legs and slink off into the shadows.

SO MUCH FOR THE COYOTE. Texas also produces some Lobo Wolves and Bald Eagles.

Returning to the "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD", they are a Brotherhood of Mockers. Truth only further hardens them. One can stack sheet after sheet of scriptural and historical facts before a confirmed "BRAMBLE PRIESTHOOD"; Nicean Swine that they are, they will devour your pearls of truth and turn and rend you.

They have carnally handled the sacred things of God so long that they have long since passed the point of no return in presumption. They have now graduated into a full-fledged ministry of blasphemy. But then we need not marvel; a chief characteristic of the Mother-Daughter Harlot System—"SHE WAS FULL OF THE NAMES OF BLASPHEMY".

Whether it be tithes, ordination, excommunication, decrees in their manual or officially speaking for God—"The Nicolaitane priesthood is loose inside the Holy of Holies where they brutally drove out the true priesthood. THEY CANNOT OFFICIALLY TOUCH ANYTHING WITHOUT BLASPHEMING.

The spirit of an ancient pope perfectly characterizes the spirit of the "Nicolaitane Priesthood"; rejoicing over great Babylon —he exulted, "THE MYTH OF JESUS CHRIST HAS SERVED US AND OURS WELL".

"THE BITTER HARVEST—NO CRYING VOICES"

The Old Testament is very graphic. "GOD LED HIS PEOPLE BY A PROPHET; GOD DELIVERED HIS PEOPLE BY A PROPHET, AND BY A PROPHET GOD PRESERVED THEM". Somehow in spite of their backsliding, a true prophet sent from God always appeared on the scene, precisely, divinely timed to correct their course and bring them back to God. THE DARK AGES OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY MAY BE RECORDED AS THOSE PERIODS WHEN SHE WAS BEREFT OF A PROPHET.

One should not have difficulty understanding why the Divine curse and wrath of God hangs so heavy over the politically chosen "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD". In this Laodicean Age when the church so desperately needs a true prophetic ministry of fearless, dedicated men operating solely under the divine sovereignty of the Holy Ghost, just the opposite is true. This "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD" has usurped and superceded the true prophetic offices and ministries and installed in their stead, their God-cursed political offices and ministeries. The Nicolaitane priesthood has actually become the killer whales of spiritual manifestation. Cruising the seas of the Pentecostal Movement, they destroy every gift and ministry that will not submit to their Bogus authority.

NEED WE WONDER WHY THERE IS NOT A SINGLE CRYING VOICE OF NATIONAL STATURE IN ANY PENTECOSTAL ORGANIZATION TODAY? For them to contend that certain nationwide radio broadcasts are "crying voices" is a farce; a not too subtle mock-up operating under a "MONKEY SEE—MONKEY DO" mentality that is nauseating. THEY ARE NOT EVEN GOOD ECHOES". The least they could be is original. But with all the spiritual and mental inbreeding that transpires in their system, original thinking would be asking too much.

I have listened as their radio preachers modulated their voices to sound like Billy Graham or C. M. Ward. Their promotional vocabularies would be bereft of fresh terms and new ideas were it not for the Assemblies of God and certain Evangelicals. Voicing meaningless platitudes, paying lip service to a doctrinal-holiness message that has long since eluded them. THE ONLY WAY THEY COULD SAY LESS WOULD BE TO TALK MORE.

This American Jesus Name Pentecostal Organizational System, saturated with politics and governed by politically ambitious men, is no more capable of producing a true prophet than a blacksmith shop an archangel. If God chose to send a true prophet inside their Harlot Systems, their killer whales would destroy him. If he came outside their systems, they would reject him.

Herein lies the root cause of "DEGENERACY" in the Jesus Name Pentecostal Movement. No religious movement can rise higher than her ministry. It is absolutely inevitable that every preacher begotten and sustained by the Laodicean-Nicolaitane spirit will degenerate into a weak, effeminate, fearful, apprehensive, muzzled hireling. Permit me to address them. I carry a heavy burden for them . . . "Poor, duped, drunken, Nicolaitane-Laodicean Robots —IF YOU ARE NOT DRUNK ON THE WINE OF THE FORNICATION OF THE OLD MOTHER OF HARLOTS, THEN WHY DO YOU STAGGER AT THE TRUTH? WHY HAVE YOU LOST YOUR ABILITY TO DISCERN TRUTH AS TRUTH?"

In vain do you seek nourishment from the "DRY BREASTS OF THE BASTARD SYSTEM THAT ILLEGITIMATELY BORE YOU". No wonder there is not a crying voice among you.

Isaiah 56:10 graphically describes this Laodicean-Nicolaitane ministry; (Quote): HIS WATCHMEN ARE BLIND. THEY ARE ALL IGNORANT; THEY ARE ALL DUMB DOGS, THEY CANNOT BARK; SLEEPING, LYING DOWN, LOVING TO SLUMBER.

"THE BITTER HARVEST—A NEUTRALIZED MINISTRY"

I address this to all "New Birth-Holiness, Jesus Name Pentecostal people behind the veil of religious organization.

Here is a people who are fast losing their identity because their ministry is losing their message—if not totally, at least partially. BECAUSE THEY STAND FOR NOTHING, THEY FALL FOR EVERYTHING.

This should make angels weep! "MANY OF THE STRONG, DOCTRINAL VOICES OF YESTER-YEARS ARE TODAY MORE CHARISMATIC THAN PENTECOSTAL". For the organized Jesus Name Pentecostal Movement—"Ecumenism is the WAVE OF THE FUTURE". Satan offered them a Philistinian Cart full of Laodicean

gimmicks, and they fell for it lock, stock and barrel. YET, THE ARK OF GOD STANDS REJECTED AND UNATTENDED. WHAT A SCATHING INDICTMENT!

I sadly recall with nostalgia, "OLD COMRADES IN ARMS" standing shoulder to shoulder with me, with the battle light flashing in their eyes, who are today totally neutralized; they are only a shadow and a shell and a caricature of their former selves. THEIR VOICES ARE NEVER HEARD ON HIGH ANY MORE; THEIR SWORDS HANG RUSTING ON THE WALL.

The New Birth-Holiness message; principle; manhood; a prophet's mantle; courage in battle; the sovereign local church; the loathing of a hireling ministry; true apostolic-New Testament church government; preserving the five-fold ministry and the Gifts of the Spirit; freedom to preach and minister wherever the Holy Ghost may lead without official restraint; ethics and keeping faith—"YESTERDAY THESE MEANT EVERYTHING; TODAY, THEY DO NOT SEEM TO MATTER VERY MUCH ANY MORE". We preached for years that one day men would betray the message. We are saddened and shocked WHEN IT IS OUR FRIENDS, IN OUR DAY. Well can we say, "WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY, AND THEY ARE US".

Many of the old comrades of kinder days look on old-bitter-hardheads like myself with jaundiced eye. We are an embarrassment to them. We recall to them a past which they long to forget. We were privy to too many inner thoughts and confessions. The sight of us awakens a little bit of their conscience not yet dead. Looking back I see now that the whole thing was a game . . . "We'll play till supper-time, then we'll pick up our marbles and go home. It shocked them to know that some of us were playing hard ball, for keeps. They cannot visualize men having convictions for which they are willing to die rather than compromise. I say this with all sincerity. If I can be convinced by history, by reason, and by the Word of God that religious organization is scriptural and ordained by God for His New Testament Church; IF MEN CAN PRODUCE JUST ONE SCRIPTURE TO JUSTIFY THEIR NICEAN SYSTEMS—"I WILL CRAWL ON MY BELLY BACK TO THE DISTRICT BOARD; I WILL REPENT FOR EVERYTHING I HAVE WRITTEN; I WILL PAY UP ALL MY DUES; I WILL MAKE ANY CONFESSIONS THEY MAY DESIRE ME TO MAKE; I WILL SUBMIT MYSELF TO ALL THEIR DEMANDS". But to do so otherwise would be to prostitute my convictions and deny the revelation of truth Almighty God has given to me.

In the half-score or so of years I have been out of the Organization, NO MAN HAS EVER ASKED MURRAY E. BURR to RETURN. I would take it as an insult if they did. By God's Grace, I SHALL NEVER RETURN; CHICKEN FEATHERS DO NOT GROW ON MY LEGS.

This neutralized ministry and the "LOST TRIBES OF THE

PENTECOSTALS" are rapidly leaving old apostolic paths altogether. God could well say to them—"YOU HAVE FORSAKEN ME THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER AND HEWD YOU OUT CISTERNS, BROKEN CISTERNS THAT CAN HOLD NO WATER". God has long known the frustrations of trying to turn back a people bent on apostasy.

These "LOST TRIBES OF THE PENTECOSTALS" and their "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD" constitute the third and fourth generations of Pentecostals. Many of them know not the Lord.

Birthed in carnality, swaddled by a Nicolaitane mid wife and rocked in a Laodicean cradle, they have never tasted anything but Nicean cool-aid. They demand carnal weapons because they are ignorant of the identity and use of spiritual weapons. All they can see is the weapon; never can they see the hand behind the hand holding the weapon.

(1) David's sling-shot to fight a giant? Please do not be naive; we want Saul's armour.

(2) Golden shields—who needs them? Brass is much harder.

(3) Carrying the Ark on the bare shoulders of the priests is too vulgar—"GIVE US THE NEW CARTS OF THE PHILISTINES AND LOAD THEM DOWN WITH LAODICEAN GIMMICKS."

(4) The "FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY" and "GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT" are obsolete; also, they can embarass our System. Besides, nobody knows how to operate them. We want to be like our Sister Denominations; NAY, BUT WE WILL HAVE A KING OVER US. GIVE US OUR NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD THAT MOTHER WANTED US TO HAVE. THIS IS OUR HERITAGE. OUR CORPORATE CONCEPT CONCEIVES THAT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO CREATE THESE OFFICES; WE GRANT TO OURSELVES THE RIGHT TO FILL THEM BY BALLOT.

Here is a totally neutralized ministry, PREACHING A CHARISMATIC MESSAGE VERY LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE ECUMENICALS AROUND THEM. Many of them, because they do not wish to be identified with the word "PENTECOSTAL", are changing the names of their churches to Revival Centers or Christian Centers. They have followed a false lead; that winning new members to their System supercedes every other endeavor. Jesus warned the Pharisees—"YOU COMPASS LAND AND SEA TO MAKE ONE PROSELYTE AND MAKE HIM TEN TIMES MORE THE CHILD OF HELL THAN YOURSELVES".

WHAT PURPOSE IS THERE IN WINNING PROSELYTES IF WE BRING THEM INTO HOUSES OF LEPROSY?

"THE BITTER HARVEST—MINISTERIAL TRAPPINGS OF DECAY"

(Spiritual Degeneracy Personified)

Jesus said, (St. John 5:44)—"HOW CAN YE BELIEVE WHICH RECEIVE HONOUR ONE OF ANOTHER, AND SEEK NOT THE HONOUR THAT COMETH FROM GOD ONLY".

Nothing identifies the Nicolaitane Priesthood or the mongrelized ministry more clearly than the verbal picture I shall proceed to paint. THIS IS POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

A minister friend and myself visited the headquarters of perhaps the oldest Jesus Name Pentecostal organization in America. Greeted by an efficient young receptionist, she immediately gushed—"Oh, we have just received the new photographs of our bishops; would you like to see them"?

Escorting us to a side table, she spread before us a score or more of large, almost life-size photographs in full color. The stately, dignified men staring up at us were clothed in solid black priest's robes. Their immaculately white collars were turned backward. Across each ample bosom was draped a beautifully wrought chain of gold with a Catholic cross suspended in the middle. Several wore short, cropped mustaches. Reading the various names, I noticed many of them were titled, "DOCTORS OF DIVINITY", with the initials "D.D." in bold, black type beside their names. A profound shock swept over me as I mused, "MIX THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WITH THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S COLLEGE OF BISHOPS, AND NEVER COULD I HAVE TOLD THE DIFFERENCE. Yet, hardly fifty years ago Haywood, Tobin and other great pioneers of the Pentecostal message were the dominating voices behind this people.

Never has the statement been more fraught with truth —"THAT ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME"; and for the politically controlled Jesus Name Pentecostal Movement, we could affirm—YES—AND BACK TO ROME!

Really, what redeeming statement can these liberal Pentecostal apologists dredge up from the gutter; what feeble, flimsy, asinine alibi can they make in defense of such degeneracy? Here is an organization that has long since passed the break-over point from which there is no turning back. One could see that each of these men wore their "BABYLONIAN HABILIMENTS OF THE NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD" with inordinate pride, even relish; totally unaware that they were occupying a pagan, illegitimate office without divine sanction or scriptural authority.

Spiritually minded, intelligent people blush with shame for ministers that avidly and even childishly pursue these carnal

trappings of spiritual decadance. Doctor-of-Divinity degrees somehow just do not harmonize with the spiritual concept of the five-fold ministry and Gifts of the Spirit. God certainly would not be too impressed. YET, THEY ARE IN PERFECT KEEPING WITH THE CONCEPT OF THE "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD".

True prophets of God just do not launch themselves on such pathetically juvenile ego trips. I can understand a surgeon or an educator spending years in a graduate school of an accredited university earning a doctorate; such a degree has meaning. BUT WHAT A SHAM; A PITIFUL PATHETIC NICOLAITANE CARICATURE FOR A BACK-WATER PENTECOSTAL PREACHER TO COMPLETE A MAKESHIFT MAIL-ORDER STUDY COURSE FROM A COMMERCIALIZED "DEGREE-MILL" JUST SO HE CAN SIGN HIS NAME "DOCTOR". Poor, silly, ego abjects; they display their mail-order titles like a circus advertises it's elephants—on church billboards; on their mailboxes and office doors; in newspaper ads and radio announcements; and by all means, in the most beautiful Old English Script on their letterheads—and irregardless of how mediocre the literary effort may be, they feel that the intellectual Imprimatur of "DOCTOR" will compensate for every deficiency and quickly and readily open every door.

Many times have I wished that I could blush for them. Nobody seems impressed but themselves. Truly educated people look on with amusement. It reminds me a bit of old-time country philosophy—THAT SOME FOLKS ADMIRE THE SUNSET; OTHERS ADMIRE THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY ADMIRE THE SUNSET. Me-thinks these thirty-five-dollar Doctor of Divinity degrees from a mail-order degree mill is more "taffy" than "divinity". It leaves me with a "sticky" feeling!

"THE BITTER HARVEST—A CORRUPTED MINISTRY"

One of the most disgusting, reprehensible, and even despicable marks of degeneracy in the organized Pentecostal ministry is the popular end even enthusiastic acceptance of twice-married preachers.

Recently the featured night speaker of one of the largest camp meetings in the nation was a divorced and remarried preacher. That same summer, the heralded speaker for their huge youth camp, teeming with hundreds of young, plastic, impressionable minds, was a recently divorced and newly married preacher. In another camp, equally as large, all the young preachers were invited to a special "YOUNG PREACHERS' SEMINAR". Guess who was chosen to lecture daily to these young men—A WIDELY ACCEPTED, HIGHLY POPULAR PREACHER, WHOSE DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE HARDLY MADE A RIPPLE IN THE ORGANIZATION. Do not think for a moment that the message is not coming in loud and clear to these

hungry, groping, place-seeking young men. IF YOU WANT TO GET AHEAD IN THIS OUTFIT AND BECOME A CONFERENCE SPEAKER, DON'T WORRY ABOUT DIVORCING YOUR WIFE AND MARRYING A CUTIE-DOLL. APPARENTLY IT MAKES YOU ALL THE MORE POPULAR!

May I bring up another equally embarassing subject—WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HAND-PICKING THESE MULTIPLE MARRIED PREACHERS FOR CONFERENCE AND CAMP MEETING SPEAKERS? Need I answer—"Your politically elected Nicolaitane priesthood, of course—and dare you say they were not political choices! Specifically, the District Boards of these particular Districts picked these men. No doubt old political debts figured prominently in the choices.

The thing that is so deeply disturbing to me is the fact that instead of a concerted, unified and even demanding voice of protest from the ministerial body, they apparently accepted them without question, even with enthusiasm, for the crowds never seemed to diminish.

A wise man observed—"THAT A PEOPLE RECEIVE THE LEADERSHIP THEY DESERVE". This graphically demonstrates the blind leading the blind and loving to have it so. GOD HAVE MERCY ON A DEGENERATE PEOPLE TO WHOM SIN IS NO LONGER SINFUL AND SHAME IS NO LONGER A REPROACH! That which we would have sicced the bulldogs on even twenty years ago—TODAY, WE PROUDLY DISPLAY IN THE PARLOR.

It is not the matter of the men in question being gentle, kind and even deeply wronged. Their former wives could have committed every morally reprehensible sin in the Book—(and don't hand me that old line about preachers being no different from lay-members, and that God forgives); neither let him argue that the anointing still comes upon him. Saul lay all night with the prophets, even after he was a reprobate. Let's keep things in perspective. THEY JUST DO NOT HAVE ANY BUSINESS TRYING TO PREACH. THEIR SECOND MARRIAGES DISQUALIFY THEM. And the fact that they do not regard the clear, explicit Word of God further disqualifies them. The qualifications for the priesthood in the New Testament are just as rigid as the qualifications in the Old. Second marriages would have instantly disqualified any priest serving around the altar in the Old Testament.

Paul emphatically states in I-Tim. 3:2 (King James)—"A BISHOP THEN MUST BE THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE". Other translations read: "A BISHOP MUST HAVE BEEN MARRIED BUT ONE TIME". Apparently our District Boards in question are accepting the Nicolaitane version—"A BISHOP THEN MUST BE THE HUSBAND OF ONE WIFE AT A TIME"! Why don't they confess

that this is nothing but CONSECUTIVE POLYGAMY THAT THEY ARE ENDORSING!

In the New Testament even widows worthy of church support had to have been "THE WIFE OF ONE MAN" (I Tim. 5:9). If this be true for a widow, how much more so does it apply to a minister who lives from God's sacred tithes?

For a people to take twice-married preachers and enshrine them as conference and camp meeting speakers just because they are popular, IS TO POISON THE SPIRITUAL AND MORAL SPRINGS OF A MOVEMENT. Instead of the leprosy of decay touching the lives of only a few people, if the man in question ministered in relative obscurity, HE NOW BECOMES A POPULAR FOLK HERO" —to be studied, praised, copied, emulated and even adored. Only God knows the people that will be tempted to divorce and remarry because their popular hero set them the wrong example.

The recent break-ups in preachers' marriages are appalling. BUT THE PLAGUE IS ON. The Pentecostal Movement is being inundated by adultery, fornication, sexual perversion and every other morally unclean sin in the catalog. CHARGE IT TO THE "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD—THEY HAVE OPENED THE FLOOD GATES OF DEGENERACY!" A District Board is nothing but a bunch of hypocrites that will disfellowship a preacher for committing adultery—then in the same session, choose a twice-married preacher for a conference or camp meeting speaker!

"THE BITTER HARVEST"— "POLITICS, PORK-BARRELS AND PENTECOST"

(Another Ultimate in Spiritual Degeneracy)

If anything other than politics transpired at the annual gathering of one of the largest Jesus Name Pentecostal Camp Meetings in the nation, for the most part it escaped the attention of the News Media. A vague reference was made to "BIBLE EMPHASIS", and a "PUPPET SHOW" for the kids was duly mentioned; otherwise according to the News Fraternity, the "MAIN EMPHASIS" of the entire camp was "POLITICS", with the District Superintendent publically pressuring the Governor to "ROLL OUT THE BARREL"— "THE OLD POLITICAL PORK BARREL AND REPAIR _____ HILL ROAD TO THE TUNE OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!"

Bedding down with politicians is an old game with "MOTHER". Her young Pentecostal daughters are mastering the art at a tender age. Revelation Eighteen terms it—"LIVING DELICIOUSLY WITH THE KINGS AND RULERS OF THE EARTH". Almighty God brands it as "SPIRITUAL ADULTERY"; another brand-mark of degeneracy to add to an ever-growing list.

Returning to "BIBLE EMPHASIS" which apparently was to be the "THEME OF THE CAMP", I did hear that they were conducting morning devotions with one of their popular "TWICE-MARRIED PREACHERS" as their featured speaker. Politics and political campaigning at night, with a twice-married preacher haranguing the morning crowd; "WHAT A DELICIOUSLY SPIRITUAL MENU—BIBLE EMPHASIS INDEED"? What a cruel, conscienceless hoax; a shallow, hollow, mocking caricature; a gigantic display of irrelevancy, with the senses of ten-thousand leoderless and groping people drugged by Political Pageantry and the opium of dramatic words.

Actually, how much relevant preaching can hungry people hear throughout a Camp Meeting where politics and personality are the dominant themes? The smoke is too thick for relevant preaching. Smoke from off Political Ecclesiastical Altars where a Nicolaitane Priesthood is burning incense to Great Babylon. The people constituting the memberships of modern Pentecostal organizations are a tragic people; a cheated, exploited people whose senses are so dulled that they cannot discern a loaf from a scorpion.

The words of Matthew 9:36 are fast becoming descriptive of the Pentecostal Organizations of our day; he states that Jesus—"WHEN HE SAW THE MULTITUDES, HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE THEY FAINTED, AND WERE SCATTERED ABROAD, AS SHEEP HAVING NO SHEPHERD".

Spread before me on my desk (July 9, 1982) are four newspaper clippings. Some are brief, while others take up almost a quarter page in the newspaper. Permit me to analyze their contents and give a brief day-to-day sketch of the political happenings of this Camp Meeting. Remember, we are discussing spiritual degeneracy in the Modern Pentecostal Movement.

(1) SUNDAY NIGHT—(Pre-Camp Service)—Was relatively mild with only a State Senator speaking. The paper stated (and I quote verbatim)—"THE NIGHTS FIERY PREACHING GAVE WAY TO A BIT OF POLITICS LATER AS STATE SENATOR_____ GREETED THE GATHERING".

(2) If Sunday night was mild, they rolled out the Big Guns on Monday night. In bold black type, the paper literally screamed, "PENTECOSTAL POLITICS"! Governor_____ led a group of politicians speaking to 8,000 persons attending_____ Camp. The paper stated that the Governor delivered A SERMON, and later huddled with an assorted group of politicians.

(3) TUESDAY NIGHT (3rd Night)—The paper stated that "POLITICS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF THE CAMP".

A U. S. Congressman along with the Lieutenant Governor were the featured campaigners on Tuesday night.

(4) WEDNESDAY NIGHT (4th Night)—A popular former Governor was to bring his campaign for re-election to the Camp Meeting.

(5) Relative to Thursday and Friday nights, I left the State before finding out who the politicians would be. I am sure that the last two nights of the Camp Meeting were not wasted. Political Hay must be made while the sun shines. The sun is always shining at this particular encampment, especially on the politicians who know how to "ROLL-OUT-THE-BARREL". It seems to this simple person that the District Board is cheating all these campers by not furnishing free lemonade, popcorn, tin bugles and campaign baloons.

Throughout the News media's account, I noticed something was decidedly missing. The Name of a powerful national political leader that is usually the lion of the show was never mentioned. Perhaps I missed him. He may have been featured on Thursday or Friday Night. That he is an alleged alcoholic seems to bother the District Board not a whit!

Thoughts rush into my mind. I find myself haunted by the memories of a convention held years ago. A number of preachers, including myself, were in the process of being expelled from the Organization because we preached Holiness and denounced just such despicable practices. At this particular convention, a prominent politician was introduced and permitted to speak. Amidst thunderous applause, he was presented with Honorary Ministerial Credentials and a beautiful Bible. I understand that he kept the Bible on his desk and boasted that he was fully licensed minister of the Organization.

I am an American; a Texan, and pride myself in being a patriot. I love my country; I reverence our flag, and I honor the offices of all duly elected officials—"IN THEIR PLACE". BUT THEIR PLACE IS NOT IN AN APOSTOLIC PULPIT MAKING CAMPAIGN SPEECHES. To put them in the pulpit in such capacity is to PROSTITUTE THE PULPIT AND PERVERT THE VERY DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES SUCH MEN ARE SWORN TO UPHOLD.

The rumor persists that one of the politicians whom the Organization honored so greatly had been seen, and perhaps even photographed, the night before, in a night club with a partially nude strip-tease dancer sitting on his lap! They kicked us out for preaching holiness and protesting just such degeneracy, BUT THEY BESTOW ON THESE MEN THEIR HIGHEST HONORS. Oh Consistency, thou art a Jewel. And to think—"BIBLE EMPHASIS" WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE THEME OF THE CAMP!

"THE BITTER HARVEST—A LAISSEZ-FAIRE MINISTRY"

"LAISSEZ-FAIRE", though a political doctrine, has contributed greatly to degeneracy in the Pentecostal Movement. A French merchant coined the phrase when asked, "What shall we do?" He replied, "LET THE PEOPLE DO WHAT THEY WANT". One could amplify the definition by adding, "GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT".

"LAISSEZ-FAIRE" is also the cardinal "DOCTRINE" of "LAODICEA"—OR RULE BY THE LAY-MEMBERS. The people, encouraged and even coached by the Nicolaitane Priesthood, take the God-ordained authority out of the hands of the Bishop or Pastor, and gives it into the hands of the Church Board. THUS, ANARCHY TAKES OVER THE CHURCH.

Invariably, the first presumptious act initiated by a Laodicean Church Board is to invade the Sacred Tithe Chamber, which is off-limits to everyone save the Priesthood, and take over the tithes. PLACING A PASTOR ON A SALARY MAKES A HIRELING OF HIM. The "NICOLAITANE PRIESTHOOD" loves to have it so. Controlling the finances is the best way to control the ministry and keep it in line with Organizational policy. Through local church affiliation they can easily do this.

The doctrine of "OBEY THEM THAT HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU" becomes a mockery. As long as an affiliated church supports all the financial programs of the National Organization, nobody rules the people; "THEY DO WHAT THEY WANT". Therefore, they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears, and the truth is turned into fables. It's as simple as this . . . "A LAODICEAN PASTOR CAN BE EXPECTED TO PREACH A LAISSEZ-FAIRE MESSAGE". How can degeneracy help but be the order of the day?

Note the phrase—"HEAPING TO THEMSELVES TEACHERS". I know a church that in thirty-eight years, they have butchered thirty-four pastors . . . "WHAT A HEAP". Did the District Board ever place the church in question off-limits to their preachers? Are you kidding Wise up, Little Preacher, and learn a cardinal Nicolaitane Doctrine; the preacher is expendable; the church is not. A preacher can move on; a church cannot. This is a Doctrine of "PERFIDY" that merely strengthens the profane hands of a heartless, unscriptural church board to brutally handle the next preacher that comes along. Oh yes—they will come along in droves—"POOR SAPS". These hapless, hungry, vulnerable, hireling preachers looking for a piece of bread become mere grist to feed a Godless Nicolaitane-Laodicean Mill.

This unholy marriage between Laodicea and Nicolaitanism constitutes the most despicable conspiracy in the modern Pente-

costal Movement. When the local church board unites with the District Board in a vicious nut-cracker alliance, THE LOCAL PASTOR BECOMES THE HAPLESS PROVERBIAL NUT". Never doubt for a moment but what they are playing hard ball for keeps. Yet sometimes their "NUT-CRACKER" comes up with broken jaws. All preachers are not coyotes. There are still a few Old Lobo Wolves running loose. A Bald-Eable will not scratch refuse on an Organizational Dunghill like a domesticated, Laodicean, barn-yard fowl. Figuratively, they have been known to tear up the dunghill.

Note the continuing commentary on ministerial degeneracy. Laodicea (Laity Rule) takes over the rulership of the local church; the "Nicolaitane Priesthood" quite naturally rules the Organization Super-Structure. This state of unholy matrimony totally neutralizes a true Apostolic Ministry. If the pastor in question has not sold his soul to the System and his conscience is yet alive, his life and ministry becomes one of nightmare and horror. Let him step out of party harness just a little bit and his actions are dutifully reported to the District Board. Let him fail to preach his "LAISSEZ-FAIRE" message and the District Superintendent comes calling. Let him try to exercise pastoral authority and cross the authority of the Church Board, and he is in trouble! Let things come to a crisis with his ministry on the line, and the District Board will side with the rebels every time! In my day in the System, is was generally, understood that when a pastor called in the District Board, HE MAY AS WELL START PACKING! If conditions had not reached crisis stage before they came—they certainly would before they left.

I can only speak for Murray E. Burr; but I would leave the ministry altogether before I would ever again prostitute my holy calling by laboring under such degrading circumstances. Here is degeneracy. The woods are full of poor subdued, conquered, hireling preachers who will stand in line and sign away life and liberty for a chance to pastor such "LEPROSY HOUSES OF HORROR". What good do they accomplish? Any spiritual ministry they ever had in the past is totally neutralized. They are only Laodicean caretakers mauthing a Laissez-Faire message that can only contribute to greater degeneracy. The Church Boards easily read their price tags. They buy them like a piece of shopworn merchandise. He belongs to them now. AND WHY SHOULD THEY NOT OWN THE PREACHER? THEY OWN THE CHURCH!

As far as any future ministry is concerned, the District Board holds the leash, like an organ-grinder holds a monkey. The monkey may become rebellious and even pop his chain, but let the music start and the monkey's whole posture changes. He starts dancing his cut-and-dried ritual dance with his little tin-cup held out pleadingly.

Such preachers are the spiritual decendents of Eli. The miserable, groveling existence God grimly and sternly pronounced

on Eli's seed, is strikingly parallel to that of the hireling, Laissez-Faire Laodicean Ministry of Modern Pentecost.

Note God's awesome judgments in I-Sam. 2:26—"I WILL RAISE ME UP A FAITHFUL PRIEST".

"AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT EVERYONE THAT IS LEFT IN THINE HOUSE SHALL COME AND CROUCH TO HIM FOR A PIECE OF SILVER AND A MORSEL OF BREAD, AND SHALL SAY, PUT ME, I PRAY THEE INTO ONE OF THE PRIESTS OFFICES, THAT I MAY EAT A PIECE OF BREAD.

Eli not only preached, but he practiced the Doctrine of "LAISSEZ-FAIRE". The horrible sins committed by his degenerate sons were an abomination in the eyes of God. Their adulteries even in the House of God were notorious. Eli had been fully informed. Did Eli remove his sons from serving around the altar? No more than Pentecostal Organizations remove their double-married preachers from the ministry. He did little more than scold them. Like the present day Laodicean-Laissez-Faire Ministry in the organized Pentecostal Movement—"HE CHIDED THEM FOR THEIR SINS, BUT LEFT IT TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONSCIENCE WHETHER TO OBEY."

Here is degeneracy. Poor Saps; can't they see that, "THAT WHORISH WOMAN HAS BROUGHT THEM TO A PIECE OF BREAD". Let a little back-water church come open in the Organization, and fifteen of Eli's spiritual decendents will stampede to put their hats in the ring; all politicing, all polishing Nicolaitane Apples; all gesturing and jockeying; all projecting their little Laissez-Faire-Laodicean personalities; all shamelessly vying with their fellow brother ministers for the same wormy plum!

The following was a standing joke a few years back. Ask any one of these fifteen spiritual abjects and each will tell you that it is God's Positive and Irrevocable Will for him to have the church. All will vow that they have prayed through over the matter, and the future Welfare of the church depends upon them becoming pastor.

Such a joke is no longer relevant nor current—not among the charismatic-Laissez-Faire-Laodiceans. Ask any one of these fifteen tipplers of the Harlot's Wine and they will defiantly look you in the eye and say, "WILL OF GOD—NOTHING . . . I'M HUNGRY . . . PUT ME IN ONE OF THE PRIEST'S OFFICES THAT I MAY EAT A PIECE OF BREAD!"

Not only are they a degenerate priesthood; they have become a professional priesthood. A preacher stated to me recently in substance, "I DISLIKE LETTING MY NAME RUN AGAINST

ALL THOSE BRETHREN, BUT IT IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN EVER GET A CHURCH." Thus, the Will of God is totally discounted; the church becomes a political booby prize; and the people become organizational merchandise.

Eli betrayed his decendants by practicing a doctrine cursed of God. The organized Pentecostal ministry has been betrayed by a Nicolaitane Priesthood that preaches the same message. The only redeeming feature relative to Eli's natural descendants—when they crouched like hungry dogs piteously whining for bread, at least they crouched before a faithful, God-ordained High Priest. This cannot be said of Eli's spiritual seed; they crouch before a counterfeit priesthood in the form of Sectional Presbyters and District Superintendents. They abjectly crouch before Laodicean Church Boards. Running true to ancient form, always they piteously whine —"PUT ME INTO ONE OF THE PRIESTS' OFFICES, THAT I MAY EAT A PIECE OF BREAD".

Again I repeat—"POOR SAPS". Well does Proverbs 6:26 portray their degenerate condition of servitude — (Quote): "BY MEANS OF A WHORISH WOMAN A MAN IS BROUGHT TO A PIECE OF BREAD".

Lay the charges at the feet of those whose crime it is. Make the indictment strong. Can there be any doubt as to the identity of the whorish woman? A factory is known by its product; a tree is known by its fruit. The whorish Pentecostal daughters of the Old Mother of Harlots in Rev. 17:2 have brought the organized ministry down to this pathetic state of degeneracy. Before these harlot daughters rejoice over their political conquests, let them be soberly reminded that these Laissez-Faire-Laodicean preachers whining for a piece of bread are not the true Isaacs. Rather are they the sons of the Bond-Woman. The true sons of Abraham can dig a well for themselves and find springing water.

(1) LAISSEZ-FAIRE (CONT'D)—"IRRELEVANT PREACHING"

The man literally glared into my eyes. He was taking me to task; dressing me down unmercifully for what he termed "ALWAYS HARPING" on the negative message of the New Birth, Holiness, Church Government and the five-fold ministeries. Puffing out his chest with button-popping pride, he exulted, "I PREACHED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE; EVERYBODY LIKED WHAT I PREACHED; I PICKED OUT A MESSAGE I KNEW THEY WOULD LIKE".

I stood silent, giving him time to recover from his ego spasm. For a long moment I stared back into his eyes. He could not help but read the contempt mirrored in my own. Feeling that further words would be useless, I nodded my head in farewell,

turned sharply on my heels and walked off down a West Texas Deer Trail.

Poor ego maniac! The concept or purpose of a true Apostolic ministry has never penetrated his drugged mentality. He is a man enamored by the sound of his own voice. To him, beautiful oratory displayed before a vast audience means everything; but a relevant message addressing the needs of the hour means nothing. This is a perfect example, I thought, of irrelevant preaching.—A surgeon bends over a patient with a burning appendix. Only deft strokes from a sharp scalpel can relieve the pain. Instead, he bathes the fevered abdomen with alcohol and pats on some talcum powder; soothingly he tells the patient—"Don't worry, everything will be alright".

A member from the man's church was heard complaining, "We hear a conference message every time we go to church, but we're starving to death". These were old saints who had been born in the fire; smoke could never satisfy them.

Laissez-Faire Laodiceans are past masters in the art of irrelevant preaching. That is why the Organization is rapidly becoming a movement of Charismatics. They can carry the mail as the Nicolaitane Priesthood is fond of boasting. THESE NICEAN BARTENDERS CAN SOOTHINGLY SERVE UP THE HARLOT'S WINE IN A WAY THAT EVERYBODY FINDS APPETIZING.

This man considers himself one of the "FAST GUNS" of the Organization. Quite naturally, he is a "HIRED GUN" as his egotistical boasting revealed. Such men preach solely for the praises of men and the prestige it will bring them in the System, and not for the praises of God. Baalam would easily fit into such a LAISSEZ-FAIRE FELLOWSHIP". Like our celebrated "FAST GUN", he openly displayed his price tag for God, man and devil to read. But Micaiah was a different breed altogether. He was a Lobo Wolf among a pack of coyotes. The king's messenger pled with Micaiah—"BEHOLD THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS DECLARE GOOD TO THE KING WITH ONE ASSENT; LET THY WORDS THEREFORE, I PRAY THEE, BE LIKE ONE OF THEIRS, AND SPEAK THOU GOOD".

A true prophet does not bend; a true prophet does not bow; a true prophet does not break under such intimidation. Micaiah's words ring like a tempered steel blade dropped on concrete —"AS THE LORD LIVETH, EVEN WHAT MY GOD SAITH, THAT WILL I SPEAK" (2 Chron. 18:12).

"LAISSEZ-FAIRE - CONT'D: A MINISTRY THAT KNOWS NO ETHICS"

Little Preacher, why do you cry? Listen to his piteous, pathetic, anguished reply: "I cry for my little ewe lambs that have been brutally torn from me and devoured by strangers". "These

hungry, degenerate sons of Eli be too hard for me". "They will sell their soul for a piece of bread, or a minor priest's office in the form of a back-water church; or to increase their membership.

"SEND THAT HEIFER HOME"? Why did you bring that up? Who penned those mocking words? Don't be ridiculous; we just do not play by the old rules anymore. Do Jackals give up their prey? Do vultures easily relinquish a dead carcass? Not these Laissez-Faire, charismatic Ladoceans; membership is the name of the game! We take them where we find them, with no questions asked.

Nothing portrays a degenerate priesthood more graphically than the depths to which such men will stoop to gain new members. They know no boundaries; they play by no rules; they recognize no brands; they honor no ministerial code; they practice no ethics; they feel no shame; caught red-handed, they cannot blush; slimy hands and bloody chops carry no reproach; principle is an alien term in their vocabularies.

An area church has suffered division. Listen in as a neighboring pastor speaks to another preacher who had resigned and left the city:—"Man, you should have stayed on at _____; you could have cleaned up; Old _____ shattered like a window pane!" These Laissez-Faire charismatics can sense disgruntled church members like vultures sense carrion. They are relentless in their pursuit. I have had them fight over rebels from my church on my own parking lot and with me looking on in disgust. And most despicable of all—"LET A CHURCH MEMBER COMMIT ANY SIN IN THE CATALOG, AND SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA A DEGENERATE LAISSEZ-FAIRE PENTECOSTAL PASTOR WILL JUSTIFY HIM IN THE ACT." I have recently known of them to say, "BRING YOUR BIBLE; COME TO MY CHURCH AND I WILL SHOW YOU WHERE IT IS ALRIGHT TO LIVE AS YOU ARE LIVING."

"LAISSEZ-FAIRE - CONT'D: CHARISMATIC KINGDOM BUILDERS"

"THE BLESSINGS OF A BUS MINISTRY". What a cruel hoax—shades of Captain Kidd and Jean Lafitte; Jolly Rogers and Cutlasses for the Laissez-Faire Laodicean charismatics; piracy, not on the high seas, but piracy in the byways and hedges; with weak, defenseless, little pastors of affiliated satellite churches walking the plank!

Many of the large, charismatic super-churches in the Organization have lined their vast halls with the skeletons of numerous smaller sister churches. OH THE PEACE; THE MUTUAL MINISTERIAL REGARD; THE LOFTY PLAINS OF PRINCIPLE; THE HIGH PLATEAU OF PASTORAL ETHICS DISPLAYED BY THIS SERENE AND UNITED BROTHERHOOD! Would to God it was so! Just the opposite is true. I know churches whose memberships are

built exclusively from the cannibalized fragments of small, neighboring, affiliated churches. "BROTHER MURRAY", my innocent kinswoman said to me, "We're running over six hundred in Sunday School; Brother Murray, so many of the little churches around us have broken up and come our way!"

I know of other churches built on the cannibalized fragments of churches from states hundreds of miles away. What has a man really accomplished for the Kingdom of God when he cannibalizes a church in another city or state to build his own personal, private kingdom in his name and for his glory? This is dirty pool in my book! THE MAN IN QUESTION IS A DIRTY RENEGADE MASQUERADING UNDER THE TITLE—"GOSPEL MINISTER". Lower than a pirate; imagine the calloused, brutal, relentless cruelty such a man displays when he rides rough-shod over the anguished cry of a stricken little pastor and his work-worn wife, as they watch their little ewe lambs sacrificed to feed a base, insatiable, unscrupulous ambition.

Charismatic, Laissez-Faire, Laodicean Super-Promoter—"BETTER SEND THAT HEIFER HOME". Better still, round up the whole herd that you have rustled and drive them home. You have sold out for the image of a "FAST GUN" in the system. The message you long professed to cherish, you have discarded for a message of irrelevancy that can only further curse a Laodicean movement. The sacred ministry that God has so richly endowed you with, you have prostituted in the "BASE HOUSES OF PERSONAL AMBITION". The obsession for bigness and numbers, and the wealth and power and prestige in the system they will bring, has consumed you. Sir —"YOU ARE ONLY A SHADOW AND A SHELL AND A CARICATURE OF YOUR FORMER SELF". Angels must blush when they look upon you. Strong men hang their heads in shame and humiliation that you were ever numbered among them. Lucifer smirks knowingly, "HE, TOO, SOLD OUT FOR EARTHLY GLORY".

Oh yes—you most probably will experience tremendous growth for a time. This will only further deceive you. Satan promised the kingdoms of the world to Jesus Christ if he would bow down and worship him. It is a proven fact of history, that dramatic growth in numbers and wealth-in movements-in churches and in systems, took place only after they "SOLD OUT" and invited the world to come on Her terms.

I repeat: "SATAN OFFERS SUCH MEN A PHILISTINIAN CART LOADED WITH LAODICEAN GIMMICKS AND THEY FALL FOR IT LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL! This accounts for all the Laodicean paraphernalia that has defiled their churches and superceded the annointing of the Holy Ghost.

"ENSIGNS FOR SIGNS", the prophet sadly observes, "But, WE SEE NOT OUR SIGNS". We see gymnasiums, athletic programs,

Dale Carnegie courses, skits and dramas, and even the full theater. We see Rock bands and Country-Western; television and Sunday night movies; the latest decadent styles and fashions. Unisex clothing and hair styles have become the official uniform of the organized Laissez-Faire churches. We hear effeminate, limber-wristed men who have mastered the art of oratory. Irrelevant preaching has become the Hall-Mark of a charismatic affiliated ministry. Our senses are drugged with the opium of dramatic words. To these Laissez-Faire charismatics, everything is tremendous, gigantic, super-colossal, out-of-this-world; fantastic!

But we see not our signs. Where are the signs of a True Apostolic Church, nurtured by the five-fold ministries and gifts of the Spirit? Rather we see a soiled, compromised, degenerate church writhing under the vulture-like clutches of a counterfeit Nicolaitane priesthood. Where has the annointing gone? Where has true Holy Ghost worship gone where men and women shouted down the isles under the mighty power of the Holy Ghost? Where has the pure atmosphere created by holy, God-fearing men and women gone? Where has prophecy and prophetic gifts gone? We have specialists in Dale Carnegie and other success courses; pastors even encourage members to take college courses in drama and the theater;—BUT WHY DOES NOT SOMEBODY PICK UP THE DISCARDED AND RUSTING TOOLS OF THE SPIRIT AND BECOME SPECIALIST IN PROPHECY; IN TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION; AND DISCERNING OF SPIRITS? Surely the world is more infested with demon powers today than any time in its history.

Where is the Word of Knowledge and the Word of Wisdom that is so effective in exposing and driving out sin? And if such mighty spiritual gifts were encouraged in modern organized Laodicean churches, "JUST WHAT SORDID SECRETS WOULD THEY EXPOSE? No doubt this is a paramount reason why a fearful Laissez-Faire ministry looks with such dread upon these deadly Gifts. They could very well expose adultery in the pulpit and moral degeneracy in the preacher's home!

In fact, and I dare them to deny it, "THE ANNUAL ADULTERY TALLEY IN PENTECOSTAL ORGANIZATIONS READS LIKE A WHO'S-WHO FROM THEIR MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY". The grim, ironical joke of yester-years, especially as we approached General Conference time—"WE WONDER WHO IS THE LATEST MEMBER OF THE HIERARCHY TO FALL INTO ADULTERY?" Let them answer me—"GENTLEMEN OF THE CLOTH. . . ARE THINGS GETTING ANY BETTER?"

Oh God—remember those of us who are still crying aloud. Our voices are so feeble and so few. Let not our only answer be the mocking echo of our wailing cry. Nothing so dramatically characterizes the anything but Grand Finale of this modern, organized, Laissez-Faire, Laodicean Pentecostal Movement as Rev.

3:17 (Quote) . . . Because they said, "I AM RICH AND INCREASED WITH GOODS AND HAVE NEED OF NOTHING". Note God's stern pronouncements of judgment that comes back to them, terrible and irrevocable—"BECAUSE THOU ART LUKEWARM, I WILL SPUE (VOMIT) THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH." The heaving retching, convulsive, writhing transpiring in the organized Pentecostal Movement could easily symbolize Almighty God, sick to his stomach over the wretched, miserable state of degeneracy that is existing. We watch with contempt and disgust as members of a charismatic, Laissez-Faire ministry turn back to their vomit. Be assured that Almighty God will not turn back to His.

"BECAUSE THAT WHEN THEY KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED".

PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS.

WHEREFORE GOD ALSO GAVE THEM UP TO UNCLEANLINESS. (Rom. 1:21-24).

Here is my prediction. Men who have prostituted their convictions and sold an annointed ministry for these carnal trappings of degeneracy, shall watch with desolate hearts, the disintegration and decay of everything near and dear and that makes life meaningful. This includes home and marriage and children; conscience and morals and the respect of people that count. Preachers who have prostituted a Holy Ghost ministry for the beggarly elements of degeneracy shall find it hard not to fall into adultery. They have committed spiritual adultery for years—the natural sequence is to commit physical adultery. Adultery among the organized charismatic Laissez-Faire ministry will reach epidemic proportions; and why not? They have broken sacred trusts in their betrayal of others—sacred trust shall be broken with them. God shall give them over to their own lust.

Nothing could be more chilling to the spirits of concerned men than what I am about to say. Nothing could more vividly portray the ultimate in spiritual degeneracy. Saul's final act of infamy was his turning in desperation to the witch of Endor for aid. Nothing so graphically illustrates the degenerate, adulterous state of a compromized, Laissez-Faire ministry as their turning to the occult. There is no doubt in my mind that in their mad pursuit for numbers and popularity and prestige and power, Laissez-Faire Jesus Name Pentecostal preachers, at times, have given themselves over to familiar spirits. Let us remember that sorcery is one of the brand marks of the degenerate Harlot System of Rev. 17:2. WHEN LIVING PREACHERS PROFESS TO TALK TO DEAD PREACHERS, THEY

ARE CERTAINLY ENTERTAINING FAMILIAR SPIRITS. COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAD IS SPIRITISM!

This be the tale that was told to me. If the story is true, I have no apologies. If the story is false, I earnestly beg the man's forgiveness. Speaking at the funeral of a minister who had died, he allegedly stated—"I PROMISED BROTHER _____ THAT I WOULD NOT CONTACT HIM AFTER HE WAS GONE . . . (MEANING DEAD) I CAN CONTACT HIM, YOU KNOW; BECAUSE I KNOW WHERE HE IS".

Thoughts flood my mind. First of all, his statement seemingly was greeted by amused tolerance among his Laissez-Faire cohorts. No depth of degeneracy seems to disturb them anymore. Secondly, unabashed, unrehearsed outbursts such as his are symptoms of a sick movement. I am wondering what kind of a diet of horoscopes and psycho-analysis he was fed as a youth. The tale is told of prominent pastors in the organization, and even members of the District Board, setting up special "HOROSCOPE FILES" on each member of their churches.

Ensigns for signs; but—"WE SEE NOT OUR SIGNS". While the mighty God-ordained spiritual gifts of power lay rusting and unused, these Laissez-Faire charismatics, like Saul of old, TURN TO ALIEN SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS".

I spent fourteen years associated with Pentecostal bible colleges. I cannot recall a single bible college that did not offer full semester courses in psychology. I cannot recall a single bible college that ever offered even a seminar on the five-fold ministry and Gifts of the Spirit. I do recall a prominent bible college president who spoke and wrote against the Gifts of the Spirit, especially the gift of Prophecy.

Here is why God's curse hangs so heavy over the Nicolaitane, Laodicean, Laissez-Faire, charismatic ministry. Through public relations, promotions, Philistinian carts, entertainment, oratory, theater, rock-bands, gymnasiums and athletics, etc., they are capable of winning and holding an ever increasing membership. But because they have discarded the only tools ordained of God for the edification of His New Testament church, "THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF PERFECTING A BRIDE FOR JESUS CHRIST". Because they account bigness and wealth and numbers as Godliness, they are totally deceived.

A few months apart and just prior to each of their deaths, Howard Goss and Andrew Urshan sat in my dining room and looked out across my back yard. They were the oldest and most renowned living patriarchs of the Jesus Name Pentecostal Movement. With burning eyes and voices choked with emotion, each of them said to me, "BROTHER BURR, THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT IS UN-

PREPARED FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD". Astonished, I asked, "WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THIS PEOPLE"? The answer was unanimous, "THEY WILL MISS THE RAPTURE AND BE CAUGHT BY THE GREAT TRIBULATION"! That was over fifteen years ago.— I ask, "WHAT IF THEY COULD SEE IT NOW'?

"THE FOUNTAIN-HEAD OF DEGENERACY— RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION"

My telephone rang. It was a long-distance call from a young man that I had known and loved for many years. With hardly an introduction, he proceeded to lash me unmercifully for what he termed "MY BITTER SPIRIT". For a full five minutes I listened quietly as he hissed at me; repeating, staccato-like, over and over their shopworn accusation—"YOU'RE BITTER, ELDER— YOU'RE BITTER; YOU'RE BITTER, ELDER. YOU'RE BITTER".

I could not say that it did not hurt. I would be less than human if it didn't. Turning away from the telephone, a clear, still voice sounded wtih bell-like clarity in my mind—"IF I AM NOT BITTER AND IF I AM RIGHT, THEN WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE MASTER _____? And suppose that I am bitter, but yet right; does the condition of Burr's spirit for better or for worse free men from the responsibility of truth?

I recognized the young man's gush of venom as typical of their in-bred mentality. Like any well-trained parrot, he was merely repeating what he had heard the Nicolaitane priesthood say. Like most of his Organizational contemporaries, he drove with his mind in neutral. I have never taken time out to answer their asinine charges. Most of the men who repeat such charges do not even know me. I have never considered them relevant. And how can a person defend himself against such charges? You're damned if you do, and you're damned if you dont'! There must be mutual, fertile, intellecual ground upon which to reason; how can you reason with a mentality void of such ground, or how can you reason with a drugged mentality that can no longer recognize truth as truth? I'VE ALWAYS OPERATED UNDER THE THEORY THAT IF YOU CAN'T STAND THE HEAT, BETTER STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN!

You need not tell me about their spirit. Mildly—"IT'S RABID". Have I not taken their anonymous hate calls in the dead of night? Have I not had all the vile words in their extensive vocabulary hurled at me? Have I not watched my family meet scorn and rejection? Have I not experienced OLD FRIENDS OF MANY YEARS separating themselves from my company as if I was a moral leper? Have I not sat in courtrooms and watched as they sought to take church property from stricken people whose only sin was affiliation with their vile system? Do I not know how they brutally close down mighty revivals because the church or the evangelist are not affili-

ated? Do I not know the blasphemy of brutal superintendents who snarled, "I said, close it down; get out of town; I'd rather see the people of this city go to hell than to be saved under an evangelist not affiliated with the Organization"?

Did I not spend twenty-six years studying the psychology of their "HARLOT MENTALITY"? Do I not know all about the deadly in-fighting and blood-letting within their own political ranks? Do I not know precisely the nature of the thinking of these "RABID DAUGHTER SYSTEMS"? In the minority, they are lambs; equal, they are foxes; in the majority, they are tigers—JUST LIKE MOTHER!

These "DAUGHTER SYSTEMS" are not churches; they are "APOSATE DENOMINATIONS". They stole the name. They have no scriptural, historical or spiritual right to wear the name—church. They are imposters that cannot produce one single, isolated passage of scripture to justify their existence. Let me brand them for what they are—POLITICAL-ECCLESIASTICAL MAFIAS—who have no right to live.

Do they dare think that "BURR" would ever crouch before their COUNTERFEIT PRIESTHOOD as some of our CHICKEN-LEGGED contemporaries have, for a mere piece of bread?

I repeat again—THE OLD MOTHER-OF-HARLOTS OF REV. 17:2 CANNOT BOAST OF A SINGLE APOSTATE DAUGHTER MORE RABID OR MILITANTLY AGGRESSIVE IN DEFENSE OF HER HARLOT SYSTEM THAT PRESENT DAY JESUS NAME PENTECOSTAL ORGANIZATIONS. Babylon's baby daughters outshine and out-performs them all!

Did they possess the political-secular power that the church possessed back in the days of the inquisition—"MANY OF US WOULD BE BURNED AT THE STAKE". I met this stolid, drugged, stupidly unreasoning mentality in an Organizational Board room many years ago. The shock of recognition was so profound that my whole process of thinking on the subject has undergone complete and dramatic transformation. I one time made excuses for them. I cannot conscientiously do so any more. The mass of truth they deliberately trample underfoot to sustain their System is too great.

The words of Jesus Christ are irrevocable. He said, "EVERY PLANT WHICH THE HEAVENLY FATHER HATH NOT PLANTED, SHALL BE ROOTED UP." Matt. 15:13. Religious organization just does not bear the distinction of having been planted by Almighty God. Religious organization is the tares among the wheat; the proud-flesh of the Pentecostal Movement; the wild vine that usurped and superceded the place of the tame and took over the vineyard; the malignant, cancerous, mistletoe that sucks the life-sustain-

ing nutrients from the tree and gives nothing back in return; a pagan institution of false promises; the cursed bramble from which fire has gone out and consumed many cedars of Lebanon. GOOD MEN SOWED THE FIELDS OF EARLY PENTECOST WITH GOOD SEED, BUT THEY WENT TO SLEEP. While they slept, the Nicolaitanes came and sowed tares.

I must be convinced that such a creature exists in an American Jesus Name Pentecostal Organization—"AS A SOBER, INTELLECTUALLY HONEST PERSON"? (Note, that I said, intellectually honest). But, perchance there is such a rare and illusive creature hiding out among the Nicolaitane-Laodicean stuff, to him may I address this question . . . JUST WHERE DOES MATT. 15:13 LEAVE POLITICAL - EPISCOPAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION THAT IS BUILT SOLELY UPON USURPATION AND PRESUMPTION?

Note the sham of it all. The House-of-Cards built on pillars of sand that is characteristic of the whole organizational super-structure. Every preacher or layman not drunk on NICEAN COOL-AID should have no difficulty seeing the truth. Every religious system on the face of the earth, bearing the name "CHRISTIAN" to prove it is not a daughter of the Old Mother of Harlots of Rev. 17:2 must pass this four-fold test:

(1) It must have been authorized by the Holy Ghost—'OR PLANTED BY THE HEAVENLY FATHER".

(2) It must have been certified by the apostles during their life and ministry.

(3) I shall use Roman Catholic terminology—"It must bear the Apostolic imprimatur of Peter, the only human being to whom God gave the power to bind and to loose".

(4) It must have been practiced by the early New Testament Church in the Book of Acts.

This in blunt language, but every religious organization, and I care not how hoary with age or how honored by the Kings and Rulers of the earth, or how much power and riches they may boast; or how many millions of members subscribe to her teachings; or how many zealots will die for her honor . . . If their system of church government was not included in the original Apostolic foundation, THE DIVINE SENTENCE HAS ALREADY GONE FORTH—"IT SHALL BE ROOTED UP".

Where does this leave the Nicolaitane-Priesthood? (All politically elected members of General and District Boards). Can they not see that theirs is a "COUNTERFEIT PRIESTHOOD"? These men have bloody hands. These men have invaded the Holy of Holies

of New Testament precept and practices; they have usurped and superceded the offices of the five-fold ministries of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors-teachers, replacing them with their political offices and ministries. Loose inside the Holy chamber where they have brutally expelled the true priesthood, this counterfeit priesthood cannot perform any act or touch any of the sacred furniture without committing blasphemy.

Intellectually honest persons will have no difficulty seeing that religious organization is caught between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea. Stated simply, she must prove that she was included in the original apostolic foundation of the New Testament Church. This she cannot do, and her knowledgeable sons know that she cannot. Therefore, Political-Episcopal religious organization is irrevocably branded as an imposter; the fountain-head of degeneracy in the Pentecostal Movement; a usurper; a bastard system without divine parentage or pedigree, that shall forever be haunted by the mocking shadow of illegitimacy. Religious organization is a thief and a robber that climbed up another way—specifically at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

The time has come that honest and sincere laymembers cannot actively support and be a part of religious organization without committing sin. The time has long since passed where a preacher can serve on a General or District Board without blaspheming.

Please note Rev. 18:4; God gave this warning for our day—"AND I HEARD ANOTHER VOICE FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT HER PLAGUES".

"PITCHING STRAWS AND CASTING PEARLS"

This organized, Laodicean, Laissez - Faire, Pentecostal Ministry have become accomplished Horsemen. They love to ride horses—HOBBY-HORSES! Just a few years back they were riding the "HOBBY" of "END-TIME REVIVAL". Surely you remember when every little back-water church in the country displayed huge banner signs reading "END-TIME REVIVAL". Certain of their Nicolaitane High Priests bubbled like Alka-Seltzer—"The buckets of Heaven are up-ended; whole cities exploding in revival fire; the priests of Notre-Dame; the Flower Children; the Jesus Freaks; the Hippies; the Counter-Culture—all are receiving the Holy Ghost by the thousands."

I laughed at them. I mocked their foolish reasoning. I branded their frenzied claims as asinine. Well, they rode their "STICK HORSE" into the ground. He took the thumps from over-exertion and expired! Briefly and perhaps brutally, "THEIR END-TIME REVIVAL FIZZLED". Their priests never left their beads nor

the Virgin Mary in the first place. Their Jesus Freaks went back to the beaches and the surfboards; their Counter-Culture went back to dope and sex and Rock music, and they were left without a HOBBY.

But not for long . . . They can change horses, even in mid-stream, faster than the Pony Express. They have found a brand new Stick Horse. They are off on a Prophecy binge now. As to be expected, this simple person is desperately confused. "HOW CAN A LAODICEAN-NICOLAITANE MINISTRY RIGHTLY INTERPRET PROPHECY WHEN THEY CANNOT EVEN PROPHETICALLY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES?" Please be honest;—THEY ARE NOT INTERPRETING PROPHECY—RATHER ARE THEY FULFILLING PROPHECY.

It boggles the mind. It literally staggers the imagination when we consider this "BABEL TOWER OF CONFUSED TONGUES". THIS MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR BABYLON-THE-GREAT OF ORGANIZED RELIGION; BUILT—ALL OF IT—WITHOUT ONE SUPPORTING, SUSTAINING, JUSTIFYING SCRIPTURE; AND THAT BY A MINISTRY PROFESSING UNDYING DEVOTION TO THE WORD OF GOD. Such a ministry, that quite obviously has lost their first-love for Truth, can be expected to grab every "HOBBY OF SENSATIONALISM" that they can lay their hands upon.

From countless pages of scriptural and historical research material, permit me to conclude this work by offering just a few pertinent, documented facts that irrevocably destroy any claims of legitimacy of which Religious Organization may boast.

It was never God's Divine Will that Israel be numbered among the Nations of the World. A special, peculiar people, destined to dwell alone, God desired to rule Israel Himself through His Priests and His Prophets. Over-riding every prophetic objection, they stopped their ears to every Divine plea and defiantly declared, "NAY, BUT WE WILL HAVE A KING OVER US"; "WE SHALL BE LIKE OTHER NATIONS". History graphically discloses that the destiny they chose was to their own sorrow and national decline.

It was never God's Divine Will for the Pentecostal Movement to organize and be numbered among the Religious Denominations of the world. It is God's Will for His Church to ever be a mystical body operating solely under the Divine Sovereignty of the Holy Ghost and governed by the Five-fold Ministry and Gifts of the Spirit.

But as Sohm says. "THE NATURAL MAN IS ALWAYS A CATHOLIC, AND THAT DOES NOT CEASE TO BE TRUE THOUGH HE CALLS HIMSELF A PROTESTANT. HE STILL LIKES MATERIAL GUARANTEES AND WOULD RATHER NOT TRUST ANYTHING TO GOD THAT CAN BE MANAGED BY MAN. THE ESSENCE OF IT IS THAT AN INSTITUTION WITH OFFICIAL RULE SEEMS A

BETTER SECURITY THAN A FELLOWSHIP WITH DIVINE GIFTS". (From **Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics).**

Spiritual and moral degeneracy characterizes the Pentecostal Movement of our day because early leaders strayed from Scriptural paths and chose Religious Organization as their way of destiny. Ours is the bitter, delayed harvest of past failures. In choosing Religious Organization as their Heritage, Pentecostal leaders failed to see that they were choosing the same rutted and slippery paths into denominationalism that had cursed all the other reiigious movements before them. Yet, these determined men, and I am compelled to add "AMBITIOUS MEN", did not make their carnal choices without over-riding many protests and trampling underfoot much revealed Truth.

Permit me to document the above statement by quoting verbatim from a number of references that any right-thinking Pentecostal person would consider highly respected. Some of these are from Pentecostal authors; others are from standard references found in most any city library.

Pentecostal Historian John Thomas Nickol in his work entitled "PENTECOSTALISM", states—"WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WENT FORTH TO ORGANIZE THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, THE PLAN WAS ATTACKED IN SCORES OF SERMONS AND EDITORIALS AS ANTI-SCRIPTURAL AND ANTI-PENTECOSTAL".

Charles Fox Parham who is considered the Father of the 20th Century Pentecostal Movement, states in "A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS", Pg. 67, "WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO TEACH OR THAT GOD EVER INTENDED CHRISTIANS TO BE TAXED FOR THE SUPPORT OF SALARIED PREACHERS OR THE BUILDING OF ANY RELIGIOUS SOCIETY" (Organization).

Howard Goss, referring to the organizing of the Assemblies of God by himself and E. N. Bell, writes—"WE REALIZED THAT GREAT CARE WAS NEEDED AT THIS STAGE, AS WE HAD BEEN STRICTLY TAUGHT AGAINST ANY FORM OF ORGANIZATION" **(The Winds of God** - Pg. 280).

William H. Durham wrote (Pg. 74 - **What Really Happened)** - "GOD IS REVEALING HIS REAL PLAN TO SO MANY THAT THEY WILL NEVER CONSENT TO HAVING THE PRESENT WORK TURNED INTO A SECT. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SIMPLY NOT GOING TO BE LED INTO THE SNARE OF HUMAN ORGANIZATION AGAIN".

Frank Bartleman, in his work entitled **"What Really Happend"** outlines the decline and decay of the Revival Spirit at Azusa Street. (Quote): "THEY HAD BECOME AMBITIOUS FOR

A CHURCH AND ORGANIZATION. IT SEEMED HARD TO THEM NOT TO BE LIKE THE OTHER NATIONS (churches) ROUND ABOUT THEM. AND RIGHT HERE THEY SURELY BEGAN TO FAIL. HUMAN ORGANIZATION AND HUMAN PROGRAMME LEAVE VERY LITTLE ROOM FOR THE FREE SPIRIT OF GOD. (Unquote).

Frank Bartleman, on Pg. 41 of the same work again writes—"THE TRUTH MUST BE TOLD. AZUSA BEGAN TO FAIL THE LORD ALSO, EARLY IN HER HISTORY. GOD SHOWED ME ONE DAY THAT THEY WERE GOING TO ORGANIZE".

On Pg. 42 he states - "AND FROM THAT TIME THE TROUBLE AND DIVISION BEGAN". And on the same page—"GOD'S PEOPLE MUST BE FREE FROM HIERARCHISM".

Then on Pg. 42—"BROTHER SEYMOUR WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE NOMINAL LEADER IN CHARGE. BUT WE HAD NO POPE OR HIERARCHY. WE WERE BRETHREN. WE HAD NO HUMAN PROGRAMME. WE HAD NO PRIEST CLASS, NOR PRIEST CRAFT. THESE THINGS HAVE COME IN LATER, WITH THE APOSTATIZING OF THE MOVEMENT".

Turning now to standard references available in most any city library, I urge the reader to study the following very carefully. History can be so extremely vivid. Here is truth that every single member of the Pentecostal Movement must answer for.

The international Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Vol. 1, Pg. 655, states and I quote: "THE INVESTIGATION UP TO THIS POINT PLACES US IN POSITION TO SEE THAT THERE IS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT NO WARRANT FOR ECCLESIASTICAL GRADES IN THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCHES BY WHICH THERE MAY BE CREATED AN ASCENDING SERIES OF RULERS WHO SHALL GOVERN THE CHURCHES MERGED INTO ONE VAST ECCLESIASTICAL ORGANIZATION CALLED THE CHURCH".

Charles Fox Parham and other early Pentecostal leaders were right in branding Religious Organization anti-scriptural and anti-Pentecostal. The fact that Religious Organization was not included in the original foundation of the New Testament Church, but must trace her birthdate back to the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. should be sufficient evidence for any truly sincere man of God.

Permit me to document by authentic references the actual conception and birth of Religious Organization. The following quotations are taken from the **NEW SCHAFF-HERZOG ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE;** and for the reader who may wish to pursue this study further—please examine "SYNODS AND COUNCILS". I am quoting from Vol. 3, Pg. 279:

"IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL SENSE, COUNCILS OR SYNODS ARE ASSEMBLIES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCH FOR THE DISCUSSION AND DECISION OF QUESTIONS OF FAITH, POINTS OF DISCIPLINE AND MORALS. THE GATHERING OF THE APOSTLES MENTIONED IN ACTS 15 MAY BE PASSED OVER AS HAVING NO CONNECTION WITH LATER DEVELOPMENTS.

THE EARLIEST SYNODS DESERVING MENTION ARE THOSE HELD IN ASIA MINOR IN REFERENCE TO THE MONTONIST QUESTION—TOOK PLACE PROBABLY BETWEEN 160 AND 175 A.D."

(Pg. 280 - Quote): "THE SYNODS OF THE SECOND CENTURY WERE LOOSELY ORGANIZED; THEY CAME TOGETHER WHEN A QUESTION HAPPENED TO NEED DECISION, AND REPRESENTED NO DETERMINATE GROUP OF CHURCHES; THEY HAD NO EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS".

Permit me to pause and point out several things of great significance that completely cuts the ground from under any claims of Scriptural legitimacy made by Religious Organization.

(1) First—and note—Synods or Councils were actually what we term today as conferences.

(2) The early churches did not begin to meet in Synods or conferences until over a hundred years after the death of the Apostles.

(3) Even then, they were loosely organized; no control was exercised over the local soverign church; they represented no determinate group of churches AND HAD NO EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OR MEMBERS BY VIRTUE OF AN OFFICE. The Nicolaitane Priesthood had not yet reared its vicious head.

(4) And of greatest significance—Pentecostal advocates of Religious Organization invariably refer to Acts 15 as a scriptural sanction for their systems. This is total error. The reference states: "THAT ACTS 15 MAY BE PASSED OVER AS HAVING NO CONNECTION WITH LATER DEVELOPMENTS".

Let us pursue our references further and pen-point the actual birthdate of Religious Organization—I further quote from Pg. 280:

"THEY HAD NO EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (OR MEMBERS BY VIRTUE OF AN OFFICE) AND (note please) NO AUTHORITY WHICH COULD INTERFERE WITH LOCAL INDEPENDENCE. BY DEGREES (note that truth is always last by degrees), HOWEVER, THE LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE MONARCHIAL EPISCO-

PATE AND THE THEORY OF APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION FOLLOWED. IN THE THIRD CENTURY THE BISHOPS PRIMARILY CONSTITUTED THE SYNODS".

"IN HARMONY WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS THE GENERAL CONCEPTION OF SYNODICAL AUTHORITY. THE BISHOPS AS SUCCESSORS OF THE APOSTLES WERE OFFICIALLY EN DUED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.—THE DECISION OF A SYNOD IS EQUIVALENT TO A DIVINE SENTENCE.

THE NEXT STEP WAS TO MAKE SYNODS ORDINARY INSTITUTIONS OF THE CHURCH. EXTRAORDINARY ONES CONTINUED TO BE HELD, BUT THEY WERE ADDITIONAL TO THE REGULAR ONES. (We call them General and District Conferences in the Pentecostal Movement today).

Now note the official birthdate of all Religious Organizations—(Quote): "THE INSTITUTION BECAME LEGALLY ESTABLISHED BY THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICEA".

May I add—"Along with the doctrine of three Gods (Trinity and baptism in the titles. Really now—"TO BE HONEST TO MOTHER", SHOULD NOT THESE ZEALOTS OF THE "STRUCTURED SOCIETY" baptize in the titles Father, Son and Holy Ghost and teach the doctrine of three Gods? No Religious Organization that traces its birthdate back to the Council of Nicea has a moral right to preach the Doctrine of One God and baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ.

"THE LURE OF JEZEBEL WOMEN"

Revelation 14:4 holds a graphic and fascinating study for all close students of New Testament Church Government. It speaks of a remnant of a hundred and forty and four thousand Israelites as follows: "THESE ARE THEY WHICH WERE NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN; FOR THEY ARE VIRGINS." Comparing scripture with scripture, this cannot refer to physical adultery; neither can it have reference to the marriage relation because Hebrews 13:4 states that - "MARRIAGE IS HONOURABLE IN ALL AND THE BED UNDEFILED". Therefore, Rev. 14:4 CAN BUT REFER TO THE RELIGION OF JEZEBEL, THAT WEDS NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE TO PAGAN FORMS AND SYSTEMS. That is why the Spirit of Adultery (spiritual adultery) has characterized this movement from its beginning.

If Jesus Christ is coming for a Virgin Bride, then this modern, super-organized and thoroughly apostasized twentieth-century Pentecostal Movement stands in deep trouble. The lust for Jezebel Women (Ecclesiastical Systems) has ever been their besetting sin; the intoxicating witch's brew from that ancient wine cup of

fornication that has drugged her senses and exposed her to every form of moral and spiritual degeneracy.

From the day E. N. Bell and Howard Goss organized the Assemblies of God, down to the latest splinter movement, there have been divisions and splits, with the splits splitting, only to merge and regroup and split again. Each of these divisions become enclaves of bigotry and intolerance with their sectarian barriers and iron curtains of totalitarianism, presided over by a counterfeit, Nicolaitane Priesthood of egotistical little men trying to play God.

This author has been a close observer of the Pentecostal Movement for almost fifty years. Most of the division and hurt and strife, broken fellowship and disillusionment among people have come almost exclusively because of Organization and the political in-fighting that is always involved. The early inhabitants of the earth never experienced confusion of tongues until they sought to organize at the Tower of Babel, or perhaps I should say "AROUND THE TOWER OF BABEL" contrary to the Will of God.

It would be well for us to carefully and prayerfully consider Pioneer Frank Bartleman's analysis of the initial efforts to organize the Pentecostal Movement. He said, "FROM THAT TIME TROUBLE AND DIVISION BEGAN".

The rapid growth of Catholicism is easy to understand; the conditions are always there, for as Sohm says, "the Natural Man is always a Catholic, and that does not cease to be true though he calls himself a Protestant. He still likes Material Guarantees and would rather not trust anything to God that can be managed by man." The essence of it is that an institution with Official Rule seems a better security than a Fellowship with Divine Gifts.

(From-Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics)

"GOD GIVE US MEN"

God, give us men; A time like this demands strong
minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill; men
whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; Men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demogogue and damn
his treacherous flatteries without winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
in public duty and in private thinking;

For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
their large professions and their little deeds,

Mingle in selfish strife, lo—Freedom weeps, wrong
rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps.

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